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REPORT

OF THE

Public Meeting of Delegates

FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE

ST. LAWRECE HALL, TORONTO,

On Wednesday, the 14th of April, 1858.

AND

PROCEEDINGS OF THE "ASSOCIATION

FOR THE

PROMOTION OF CANADIAN INDUSTRY."

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RESOLUTIONS,

PETITION, AND CLASSIFICATION OF ARTICLES FOR DUTIES, ADOPTED AT A PUBLIC MEETING OF DELEGATES CONVENED IN TORONTO, THE 14TH OF APRIL, 1858, TO CONSIDER THE NECESSITY OF RE-ADJUSTING THE PRESENT CUSTOMS' TARIFF.

The present movement in favour of such a re-adjustment of the Tariff as will afford greater encouragement to Home manufactures, was inaugurated in Upper Canada at a numerous meeting of gentlemen favourable to the object, held at the Rooms of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, in Toronto, on the 24th, ult. At that Meeting, resolutions were passed appointing a Committee to make the necessary arrangement for a General Meeting of Merchants, Manufactures and others interested, to be held in Toronto, on the 14th of April, inst. In accordance with these resolutions, the Committee placed themselves in communication with the Tariff Reform Association of Montreal, which has been actively engaged for the last two years in urging the necessity of carrying out the changes here proposed. Circulars were also sent to the principal Manufacturers in all parts of Canada, inviting their co-operation, and a scale of duties submitted for their consideration at the general meeting.

Arrangements were made with the Grand Trunk Railway, to convey delegates to and from the meeting, for one fare, with the view insuring a large attendance from distant parts of the country. Previous to the General Meeting, a preliminary meeting of Delegates was held at the Rooms of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, where the schedules of duties recommended by the Montreal and Toronto Committees, were discussed, and the classification of articles embodied in the following Report agreed upon, to be submitted to the meeting

The General Meeting was largely attended by gentlemen from all parts of the country. Among those present, were Messrs. I. Buchanan, M.P.P.; W. B. Jarvis, Toronto; W. Rodden, Montreal; E. Atwater, Montreal; J. L. Mathewson, Montreal; M. Anderson, London r D. C. Gunn, Hamilton; J. Cummings, Hamilton; D. Smart, Port Hope; D. Crawford, Toronto; T. Brunskill, Toronto; J. M. Williams, Hamilton; W. F. Harris, Montreal; G. Sheppard, Toronto; D. McLeod, Port Hope; R. Hay, Toronto; T. F. Miller, Montreal; R. McKinnon, Caledonia; B. Clark, Hamilton; Rice Lewis Toronto; J. Buntin, Toronto; C. Brown, Montreal; J. G. Bowes, Toronto; G. P. M. Ball, Louth; J. Helms, Jun., Pt. Hope; D. F. Jones, Gananoque; John Shaw, Kingston; W. Barber, Georgetown; J. Hilton, Montreal; J. Gartshore, Dundas; A. McNaughten, Newcastle; C. Brent, Port Hope; J. E. Pell, Toronto; C. Garth, Montreal; W. Parkyn, Montreal; C. W. Bangs, Ottawa; Jas. Hickie, Kingston; R. B. Colton, Brockville; R. Colman, Lyn; Jas. Crombie, Galt; A. Drummond, Belleville; J. Keeler, Colborne; A. Buntin, Montreal; John Rankin, Dundas; G. Towner, Merrickville; H. O. Burritt, Ottawa; C. O. Benedict, Niagara; J. C. Pennock, Colborne; R. Patterson, Belleville; M. Bowell, Belleville; James Brown, Belleville; R. Featherstone, Kingston; W. Weir, Toronto; B. Lyman, Montreal.

C. Rogers, Port Hope; H. Crw, Port Hope; S. Pellar, Oshawa; J. Jessup, Oshawa; J. Fewster, Oshawa; W. H. Orr, Oshawa; John Treleven, Oshawa; H. A. Massay, Newcastle, &c. &c. &c.

Mr. W. B. Jarvis was called to the Chair, and Mr. W. Weir appointed to act as Secretary.

The Chairman explained the objects of the Meeting after which the following resolutions were put and carried.

Moved by Mr. Isaac Buchanan, M.P.P., seconded by Mr. E. Atwater, of Montreal,

Resolved, That this meeting, composed of merchants, manufacturers, and other friends of Canadian industry,

from all parts of the Province, whilst acknowledging the advantages bestowed on the inhabitants of Canada, through the enlightened policy adopted by Her Majesty's Government and Parliament, permitting Her Majesty's subjects in this portion of the British Dominions to deal with every matter touching their material welfare, cannot shut their eyes to the fact that Canadian legislation hitherto, has failed to lay any solid foundation for permanent prosperity in the country.

Moved by Mr. Thomas Brunskill, seconded by Mr. G. P. M. Ball, of Louth,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, the prevailing depression of the trade of the Province is greatly owing to the present tariff being based on erroneous principles, admitting as it does, at low rates of duty, the manufactures of other countries, that can be made by a class of labor now in Canada, unfitted for agricultural pursuits, and charging high rates on articles that cannot be produced in the country, thereby preventing the development of the natural resources of the colony, as well as injuring Canada as a field for Immigration.

Moved by Mr. W. Rodden, of Montreal, seconded by Mr. D. C. Gunn, of Hamilton,

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Meeting, if the Tariff now in force were re-adjusted, and the accompanying Postulates adopted as the principles upon which a scale of duties should be arranged, every class of the community would be materially benefitted by the change, without any reduction in the Revenue arising therefrom; whilst its immediate effects would be, to dissipate the despondency perceptible in every quarter, create a feeling of encouragement to Capitalists on the spot; draw the attention of foreigners to our magnificent resources for Manufacturing, and to the certain improved demand for all kinds of goods

made within our boundaries; cause a spirit of enterprise to spring up among our Artizans, and give fresh vigor to our Agricultural and Laboring populations, besides instilling additional confidence into the minds of those holding and seeking after our Public Securities—the List of Articles and Duties herewith submitted, being intended as a guide to the General Committee, to be appointed for carrying out the objects of this Meeting.

POSTULATES.

1. All raw material upon which there is but a small amount of labour expended prior to its importation, and leaving the larger proportion of labour to be performed in Canada, it is considered should be admitted free, or at a duty not to exceed 2½ per cent.

2. All articles entering largely into consumption in this country, and which Canada cannot produce, such as Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Molassess, &c., should not be charged with a high rate of duty, but should be admitted free or at the lowest possible rate consistent with the requirements of the Revenue.

3. Merchandize in the Dry Goods, Hardware and Crockery Trades, being articles of luxury or for use, and not likely for some time to be manufactured in this country, and of which some are used to form parts of the goods and wares manufactured in Canada, should be chargable with a medium rate of duty of about 15 per cent, as at present, or not to exceed 20 per cent, but at the rate of about 10 per cent below what may be charged on articles coming directly into competition with our own manufactured productions.

4. All manufactures in Wood, Iron, Tin, Brass, Copper, Leather, India Rubber, &c , competing with our industrial products, as more fully specified in the proposed list of articles and duties, now submitted and adopted, should be charged a duty of about 25 per cent, excepting : —

* Books, Drawings, &c., which should be charged with a duty of 10 to 15 per cent.

Cottons and Woollens, Cordage, Lines, and Twines, 20 per cent.

Clothing and Wearing Apparel, 30 per cent.

Moved by Mr. D. Smart, of Port Hope, seconded by Mr. John Shaw, of Kingston,

Resolved, That the above Resolutions be embodied

* The Executive Committee have received a memorial against the proposed duty on Books, &c., which will be carefully considered.

in a Petition, to be presented to the different Branches of the Legislature, praying that the subjects referred to therein be taken into immediate consideration, with a view to the changes proposed in the tariff, taking effect during the present Session

Moved by Mr. J. E. Pell, of Toronto, seconded by Mr. Murray Anderson, of London,

Resolved,—That a General Committee be appointed to carry out the views of this meeting, and that they be instructed to place themselves in communication with the Inspector General, and the members of both Branches of the Legislature who are favorable to the encouragement of Home Manufactures, with the view of obtaining a speedy remedy for the grievances under which every department of home industry now suffers. The Committee to be composed as follows—five to form a quorum :

Messrs. I. Buchanan, M.P.P.,
W B Jarvis, Toronto
W Rodden, Montreal
W Weir, Toronto
E Atwater, Montreal
J L Mathewson, Mont'l
M Anderson, London
D C Gunn, Hamilton
J Cummings, Hamilton
D Smart, Port Hope
D Crawford, Toronto
T Brunskill, Toronto
J M Williams, Hamilton
W F Harris, Montreal
W Barber, Georgetown
J Hilton, Montreal
J Gartshore, Dundas
A McNaughten, Newcastle
C Brent, Port Hope
J E Pell, Toronto
C Garth, Montreal
W Parkyn, "
C W Bangs, Ottawa
Jas Hickie, Kingston
R B Colton, Brockville
R Colman, Lyn
Jas Crombie, Galt

Messrs. G Sheppard, Toronto
D McLeod, Port Hope
R Hay, Toronto
T F Miller, Montreal
R McKinnon, Caledonia
B Clark, Hamilton
E Leonard, London
J Buntin, Toronto
C Brown, Montreal
J G Bowes, Toronto
G P M Ball, Louth
J Helms, Jun., Pt Hope
D. F. Jones Gananoque
John Shaw, Kingston
A Drummond, Belleville
J Keeler, Colborne
A Buntin, Montreal
John Rankin, Dundas
G Towner, Merrickville
H O Burritt, Ottawa
C O Benedict, Niagara
J C Pennock, Castleton
R Patterson, Belleville
M Bowell, Belleville
James Brown, Belleville
R Featherston, Kington

PETITION

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada in Parliament assembled:

. The memorial of the undersigned merchants, manufacturers and others from the various sections of the said Province, assembled in public meeting at Toronto,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

That your memorialists desire to call the attention of your Honorable House to the depression which all branches of manufactures and commerce now suffer in the Province, and to the necessity that exists for a consideration of the causes to which this depression is wholly or in part attributable.

That in the opinion of your memoralists, the difficulties now experienced by all classes of the community, are in a large degree, the consequence of the unfair competition to which the present tariff of the Province exposes its various branches of industry; and that with a view to the promotion of general prosperity—a re-adjustment of the scale of duties levied upon imports, has become an absolute necessity.

That the existing tariff is based upon erroneous principles, inasmuch as it admits, at low rates of duty, the manufactures of other countries, which are thus brought into collision with a class of labor now in Canada not fitted for agricultural pursuits; and charges high rates on articles that cannot be produced within our boundaries.

That apart from the prevailing depression, the present Provincial tariff operates disadvantageously by preventing the influx of capital, which under due encouragement, would be introduced and applied for the development of our natural resources; and, moreover, to limit the scope of industry as to offer impediments in the way of skill, and largely lesson the attractiveness of Canada as a field for immigration.

That a re-adjustment of the tariff, if governed by principles in themselves just, will materially benefit every class of the community, without in any manner crippling the Customs revenue.

That in the judgment of your memorialists such a re-adjustment should recognize as distinctive principles. The admission, duty free, or at low rates of duty, raw materials for manufacture not produced in the province. The admission, free of duty, or at low rates, of articles entering largely into general consumption and not competing with the natural products of Canada,—and the leveying of higher duties upon articles entering into competion with articles manufactured, or which with due encouragement, may be manufactured by our people.

That your memorialists, representing diversified industrial and mercantile interests, and having ample opportunities of ascertaining the wants and convictions of the classes with whom they co-operate, urge upon Your Hon. House the expediency, in the change of the tariff sought, of proceeding upon the following positions as guiding points in the work of tariff reform :—

1. All raw material upon which there is but a small amount of labor expended prior to its importation, and leaving the larger proportion of labour to be performed in Canada, it is considered should be admitted free, or at a duty not to exceed 2½ per cent.

2. Articles entering largely into consumption in this country, and which Canada cannot produce, such as Tea, Coffee, raw Sugar, Molasses, &c., should not be charged with a high rate of duty, but should be admitted free or at the lowest possible rate consistent with the requirements of the Revenue.

3. Merchandize in the Dry Goods, Hardware and Crockery Trades, being articles of luxury or for use, and not likely for some time to be manufactured in this country, and of which some are used to form parts of the goods and wares manufactured in Canada, should be chargeable with a medium rate of duty of about 15 per cent, as at present, or not to exceed 20 per cent, but at the rate of about 10 per cent below what may be charged on articles coming directly into competition with our own manufactured products.

4. All manufactures in Wood, Iron, Tin, Brass, Copper, Leather, India Rubber, &c., competing with our industrial products, as more fully specified in the proposed list of articles and duties, now submitted and adopted, should be charged a duty of about 25 per cent, excepting:—

Books, Drawings, &c., which should be charged with a duty of 10 to 15 per cent.

Cottons and Wollens, Cordage, Lines, and Twines, with a duty of 20 per cent.

Clothing and Wearing Apparel, with a duty of 30 per cent.

That your memorialists, believing that the immediate effect of a revision of the tariff according to the scale now suggested, will be to mitigate the despondency perceptible in every quarter, to create a feeling of confidence in the minds of resident capitalists, to attract the attention of foreigners to our magnificent manufacturing resources, to stimulate enterprise among our mechanics and artizans, and import fresh vigour to our agricultural population.

That your memoralists in conclusion, respectfully praythat Your Hon. House will be pleased to give prompt consideration to the whole subject, and adopted without delay such changes as may be found essential to the promotion of the great public interests that are involved, and as to your wisdom may seem meet.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Signed in behalf of the Meeting.

W. B. JARVIS, Chairman;
ISAAC BUCHANAN.
W. RODDEN.
THOS. BRUNSKILL.
D. C. GUNN.

W. WEIR,
Secretary.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS IN THE PRESENT TARIFF.

CLASSIFICATION OF ARTICLES FOR DUTY.

1st. All Goods, Wares and Merchandize not hereinafter enumerated it is proposed should remain upon the free, 2½, 5 or 15 per cent lists as at present arranged, in the tariff now in force.

2nd. LIST OF ARTICLES PROPOSED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LISTS OF GOODS NOW ADMITTED FREE, AT 2½ OR 5 PER CENT. DUTY.

Anchors under 8 cwt.
Alabaster and other Busts,
Boat Hawsers,
Books of all kinds,
Book-Binders' Implements and Tools,
Boiler Plates, punched,
Cables of iron, or Chains made of iron under ¾ in. diameter,
Cordage, lines and twines of all kinds,
Cotton Wick,
Connecting Rods, Frames and Pedestals, Cranks and Straps for Engines,
Copy Books,
Dead Eyes,
Deck Plugs,
Drawings, Engraving and Prints,
Dressed Furs,
Iron Wheels and Axles,
Machinery, all kinds,
Paper, all kinds,
Plough Moulds,
Plaster Casts,
Printers' Ink, Implements, Types and Lithograph Presses,
Roman Cement,
Ropes, Hawsers, and Rigging,
Sheaves,
Sails,
Ship's Blocks,
Spikes,
Telegraph Insulators,
Trunks,
Varnish,
Veneers,
Wheels and Axles,

3rd. LIST OF ARTICLES PROPOSED TO BE PLACED UPON THE FREE LIST, OR AT A DUTY NOT TO EXCEED 2½ PER CENT.

Acids,
Bolting cloths,
Braids for making bonnets and hats,
Brass and Copper Tubes, drawn,
Cork tree or bark of, unmanufactured,
Ebony unmanufactured,
Elephant's teeth, do., and Ivory
Emery,
Glass broken,
Gold beaters Brine-mould and Skins,
Hair, all kinds, unmanufactured,
Iron wire,
Iron pipes or tubes for steam, gas, or water, not cast,
Iron unmanufactured,
Leopard and other skins raw,
Lithrage,
Manilla grass,
Mahogany in the log,
Mercury or quick silver,
Mohair, unmanufactured,
Moss for beds,
Ratans unmanufactured,
Shafts, wrought iron, 10 inches in diameter and over,
Sea-weed and all other vegetable substances, uses for beds & mattresses,
Seedlac
Sal. Soda,
Soap stocks and stuff,
Stockenette,
Tin, granulated or grain,
Topancion or grass for brush-makers,
Willow for making baskets,
Wire of all kinds,
Wire wove, if over 50 inches wide.

4th. LIST OF ARTICLES PROPOSED TO BE PLACED ON THE 25 PER CENT LIST OF DUTIES

Adzes,
Agricultural Machines,
Ale,
Anchors under 8 cwt,
Augers,
Axes,
Axeltrees and Boxes,
Baskets,
Belting of Leather or India Rubber,
Bedsteads of Wood or Iron,
Bed Screws,
Beer,
Bellows,
Bell Metal Manufactured,
Bells,
Bottles of Glass and Vials,
Blacking,
Blacksmiths', Hammers and Sledges,
Blocks for Ships or Vessels,
Boards planed or wrought,
Boiler Plates Cut punched or turned into shape for use,
Boilers or parts thereof
Bolts with or without nuts or washers,
Bonnets,
Boots and shoes,
Blank Books all kinds,
Brass Couplings and joints of any metal
Brackets and Pendants for Gas, of Tin, Copper or Brass,
Bricks,
Brushes, of all kinds,
Brick Making Machines,
Buck and Leather Mitts, Gloves, and Moccasins,
Cabinet Wares,
Candles of every kind,
Caps " "
Carriages, and Carriage Springs,
Carved work in any material,
Casks, Empty,
Castings of Iron or Brass,
Cement, Roman,
Chairs,
Chandeliers,
Chisels,
Clothes Pins,
Clocks,
Coaches,
Coal Hods,
Cocks, Brass or other,
Collars of Linen, Cotton or Paper,
Combs,
Comfits, Preserved,
Confectionery,
Connecting Rods,
Corn Breakers or Shellers,
Cooking Stoves and Apparatus,
Copper Work,
Corks and manufactures of Cork,
Cranks, wrought or cast-Iron,
Cut Nails, Tacks, Brads, and Sprigs,
Dead-Eyes,
Deck Plugs,
Demijohns,
Drawer-Nobs of Wood,
Doors of Wood or Iron and Gates,
Drawing Knives,
Dust Pans,
Earthenware,
Envelopes,
Edge Tools,
Engines, or parts thereof,
Farming Utensils,
Fanning Machines
Filters,
Fire Engines,
Flat or Smoothing Irons,
Forge Hammers,
Frames or Pedestals of Engines,
Furnitnre, Household, Wood or Iron,
Furs and Skins when dressed,
Fur, Manufactures of,
Furnaces,
Gates,
Glass, Colored,
Glass, silvered,
Glue,
Gouges,
Gold Leaf,
Gunpowder, all kinds,
Hair, Manufactured, or worked in any way,
Hames of Wood,
Harness, all kinds,
Hangers, wrought or cast iron,
Hatchets,

Hats,
Harmoniums,
Harrows,
Heating Appartus,
Hay Knives and Presses,
Hobby Horses,
Hods,
Hoes,
Hinges, Handles, and Bolts of wrought or cast Iron,
Handles of wood for Tools or Implements.
India-Rubber, Manufactures of,
Ink of any kind,
Iron Castings,
Iron Plough Moulds or Shares,
Iron Screws,
Iron Vessels,
Iron Weights,
Jack Screws,
Kettles, Iron Copper or Brass,
Lead, Manufactures of,
Leather, " "
Looking-Glasses, framed or not,
Locomotives,
Locks of cast-Iron,
Machinery of every description,
Malleable Iron Castings
Mallets of Wood,
Mantle Pieces of Iron, Marble, Slate and Wood,
Marble Manufactures,
Manufactures of Wood,
Mattresses,
Mills for Bark or course Grain,
Millinery,
Mill Irons Wrought or Cast,
Mill Saws,
Mineral Water,
Mops,
Mouldings, Plain or Ornamented,
Oil, when pressed, refined, or bleached,
Organs,
Patent Medicines,
Pit Saws,
Paper, Labels, Boxes, Music Ruled Printed, and Cards,
Pianofortş,
Pickles,
Pitch Forks, for Hay and Manure,
Pipes of Cast Iron, Clay, smoking Wood and Lead,
Planes and Plane Irons of all kinds,
Ploughs,
Porter,
Prepared Rigging,
Pumps, all kinds,
Putty,
Rakes, Iron, Steel, or Wood,
Railing and Fencing of Iron, cast or wrought,
Reaping Machines,
Railway Chains, wrought or cast,
Railway Cars of all kinds,
Riddles or Seives of Wire,
Rivets, Brass, Iron, or Copper,
Refrigerators,
Robes made up,
Saddles and Bridles,
Saddle Tres,
Safes, all kinds,
Saws, Mill, long and circular, cross cut, Pit and Billet,
Scagliola Work,
Scale Beams and Scales,
Scythes,
Sewing Machines,
Ships' Blocks,
Shafts, Cast Iron,
Shafts, wrought-Iron under 10 in diameter
Sails made up,
Sheaves,
Shirts,
Shoes of all kinds,
Shovels and Spades
Seives of Wire,
Sleighs,
Soaps of all kinds,
Socket Chissels.
Spars,
Spikes,
Spokes,
Springs,
Steam or Sailing Vessels of any kind,
Steam Guages or Whistles,
Stones Wrought,
Stoves and Heating Apparatus,
Tables Wood or Iron,
Thrashing Machines & Horse Powers
Traps, Steel, Iron, Wire or Wood,
Trunks,
Varnish all kinds,
Valves of Brass and other metals,
Waggon and Cart Boxes,
Water Wheels of Iron,
Washers.

Weighing Machines,	Whips all kinds,
Weights, Copper, Lead or Brass,	Wooden Wares,
Wheels and Axles for Locomotives and Cars.	Zinc Manufacture,

5th, LIST OF ARTICLES PROPOSED TO BE CHARGED AT THE FOLLOWING RATES.

10 TO 15 PER CENT.	
Books, Drawings, Engravings and Etchings,	Woollen Manufactures all kinds,
Lithographs, Music,	Cordage,
Paintings and Prints,	Lines and Twines,
	Hawsers,
	Ropes and Rigging,
20 PER CENT.	30 PER CENT.
Cotton Manufactures, all except Yarn and Warp.	Clothing and Wearing Apparel made up or partly made up, of any material.

6th. Teas, Raw Sugars, Coffee, Molasses, to be reduced to the lowest point the revenue will admit of.

7th. Other articles now paying specific duties such as spirits, Cordials, Wines, Tobacco,* &c., &c., might remain as at present. or the duty thereon be increased if necessary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE NAMED IN THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS:

At a Meeting of the General Committee held on the 15th April inst, the following gentleman were appointed as an Executive Committee:—Isaac Buchanan, M.P.P.; W. Rodden, Montreal; John Shaw, Kingston: Murray Anderson, London; H. O. Burritt, Ottawa; Robert Hay, Toronto; W. B. Jarvis Toronto; Thomas Brunskill, Toronto; George Sheppard, Toronto; John E. Pell, Toronto.

It was then moved by Mr. W, Rodden, seconded by Chas. Garth, and

Resolved, That in the absence of any representative from Quebec, it is out of the power of this Committee to name a gentleman of that city as one of the Executive

* It is recommended in view of the large importation of manufactured Tobacco, and the numerous class of persons in the country acquainted with this branch of industry, to raise the duties on this article with a view to encourage its home manufacture, and thereby furnish employment to a large class of coloured persons who at present find great difficulty in securing profitable and steady employment.

Committee, therefore the Secretary be authorized to add the name of a gentleman from that city to the Executive Committee, as soon as those interested in this movement shall meet and elect such a representative to act as one of the said Executive Committee.

Moved by Mr. Isaac Buchanan, M.P.P., seconded by Mr. J. L. Mathewson of Montreal, and

Resolved, That this organization of the friends of Home Industry adopt the general name of the "*Association for the Promotion of Canadian Industry*," each member to pay in advance an annual subscription of five dollars.

Mr. W. B. Jarvis was unamously elected President of the Association, and Mr. W. Weir, was appointed Secretary.

A resolution was then adopted instructing the Secreto issue a circular requesting every City, Town, and Village to organize a society to forward the objects of this Association, and that the Chairmen of such societies be *ex-officio* members of the Association, and that each local society be desired to contribute to the funds of the central committee to support the organization.

INTERVIEW WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

On the 16th Inst., a deputation from the Executive Committee waited by appointment on the Inspector General at the Council Office. The deputation consisted of the following members of the Executive Committee, I. Buchanan, M.P.P., W. B. Jarvis, W. Rodden, J. E. Pell and Thos. Brunskill, accompanied by the following gentlemen :—

Hon. Chas. Wilson, M.L.C.	W. Mattice, M.P.P.	C. Garth
D. A. McDonald, M.P.P.	John Cameron, M.P.P.	W. Weir
S. Bellingham, M.P.P.	J. H. Pope, M.P.P.	W. Parkyn
T. M. Daly, M.P.P.	John White, M.P.P.	T. F. Miller
J. M. Ferris, M.P.P.	J. G. Bowes	D. C. Gunn, &c. &c.
John Carling, M.P.P.	E. Atwater	
T. D. McGee, M.P.P.	J. L. Mathewson	

With the Inspector General were the Premier, and the Hon. Geo. E. Cartier.

Messrs Jarvis and Rodden having explained the ob-

ject of the interview, the Inspector General replied, that the Government was disposed to carry out the views of the deputation as far as consistent with the general interests of the country, and the requirements of the Revenue, and that measures would be submitted during the present session, which, if they did not meet their views in all cases would he believe be generally satisfactory.

Several gentlemen present entered into explanations respecting the requirements of their particular branches of trade, and urged upon the Inspector General and the other Members of the Government present the necessity for immediate legislation on this important question. In answer to a question from Mr. McGee, whether the modifications in the tariff to be introduced were likely to meet the views of the gentlemen present, the Inspector General replied, that the tarriff would certainly be adjusted with the view of so equalizing the duties as to place all branches of trade on a more equal footing and encouraging our home industry.

It is impossible in this place to enter upon a discussion of the measures recommended in this report—they will at once commend themselves to all who are disposed to give them due consideration. It is to be regretted that much misapprehension exists, and much misrepresentation is resorted to, to defeat the objects we have in view. The friends of the movement it is hoped will exert themselves in disseminating correct information in their respective neighbourhoods. We ask no increase of taxation, but a change in the mode of levying duties. We desire to admit Tea, Sugar and Coffee free, as we cannot produce them, and to increase the duty on articles competing with our own industry, thus encouraging the growth of manufactures amongst us, and thereby promoting the best interests of every class in the community.

W. WEIR, *Secretary.*

Toronto, 24th April, 1858.

It is particularly requested that parties who have any suggestions to offer, would communicate (*post paid*) with the Secretary.

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